



SUN VALLEY WATERSHED STRATHERN WETLANDS PARK PROJECT

The Sun Valley—Strathern Wetlands Park Project is identified as a major component of the Sun Valley Watershed Management Plan, a plan developed by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to solve the major flooding problem, while retaining all stormwater runoff from the watershed, increasing water conservation, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat, and reducing stormwater pollution.

Project Description

The Sun Valley Watershed—Strathern Wetlands Park Project is a collaborative effort amongst the Los Angeles Flood Control District, the City of Los Angeles, and the Sun Valley Watershed Stakeholders Group to address flooding both upstream and downstream of the Strathern Pit site.

The project proposes to convert a 46-acre, engineered, inert landfill into a multi-purpose wetlands park. A storm drain system will be constructed to collect stormwater runoff from the upstream 929-acre drainage area and convey them into the Strathern site. Detention ponds and wetlands will be constructed to capture and treat stormwater runoff to provide water quality enhancement. The treated flows will then be pumped to the adjacent Sun Valley Park for infiltration into existing infiltration basins, providing recharge into the groundwater. The water conservation benefit is expected to be 895 acre-feet per year. In addition to water conservation and water quality improvements, the project will also enhance native vegetation and create opportunities for wildlife habitat. The project will also include recreational trails, basketball courts, tennis courts, tot lot, amphitheater, picnic tables, and interpretive/educational signage. Overall, the project will provide an additional 46 acres of open space recreation to a community that is currently underserved for recreational opportunities.



In March 2010 the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approved the settlement to acquire the Strathern Pit property for \$28 million, of which \$10 million was funded by the City of Los Angeles Proposition O funds, and \$18 million by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

The total cost for design and construction is estimated at \$25 million and will be partially funded by the District, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Proposition O grant funds. The Project is currently in the design phase and construction is scheduled to begin in 2014.